

# Our Dumb Animals.

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"The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," "The American Humane Education Society," and "The American Band of Mercy."

"WE SPEAK FOR  
THOSE THAT



CANNOT SPEAK  
FOR THEMSELVES."

I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.—COWPER.

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RUSSIAN TROOPS MARCHING ACROSS THE PLAINS OF MANCHURIA.

[From "Boston Globe."]

## WAR IS HELL FOR HORSES.

Probably fifty thousand of these Russian horses passing over those great plains will never see Russia again, but will leave their bones on the battlefields and in the swamps and morasses by the roadsides of their long and terrible marches. Some, doubtless, will die by shot and shell, but vastly more by starvation; though they will not be torn by vultures before they are dead, as thousands were in South Africa. Cursed be those

who get up and keep up unnecessary wars.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

## RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

There are hundreds of able, intelligent, honest and humane men in Massachusetts alone, any three of whom, if properly authorized, could have settled the difficulty between Russia and Japan [just as it ought to be settled] without the sacrifice of a single life. GEO. T. ANGELL.

## SOME OF THE WORK OF OUR MASS. S. P. C. A. DURING THE PAST WINTER.

[From Boston Evening Transcript of March 5].

### BEASTS HAVE SUFFERED.

Agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have had a Busy Season.

It does not take a very long conversation with the officers of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to learn that this has been a most severe winter for all kinds of animals, and that more demands have been made upon the time of the agents of the Society than in any year for a long time. When one makes reference to the winter, any criticism has to do with the inconveniences and sufferings attendant upon human life. Seldom are the lower animals thought of in this connection; yet they in reality have been the ones who have most felt the severity of the long season.

"Yes," answered Hon. Henry B. Hill, the Vice-President of the Society, when interviewed this morning at his office in Milk Street, "the winter has indeed been a terrible one, especially for the horses, owing to the great quantity of snow that has fallen. Our officers have done their best to protect the horses, and in so doing have received valuable aid from the city officials. Every day we have been called up at the office, requesting that sand be placed upon the streets in various parts of the city. In every case, without fail, we have called up the superintendent of streets and he has acted in every case very kindly and promptly. In the very

worst part of the season, when our officers were busy and part of the time in court, we called upon the superintendent of police for aid, and he promptly instructed his officers to look after violators of the law in overloading, and said he would place an officer at any important point indicated by the Society. For this great help we are abundantly grateful. The action of the superintendent of streets for his promptness and patience, and the police for their prompt action, should commend them to all good citizens having the welfare of the city at heart.

We are often asked why we do not place tow horses at various points in the city of Boston, to help horses over the worst places and up the steepest hills. From experience, we know that the moment this is done the teamsters will increase their loads, as the city found was the case at the East Boston ferries. They provided an extra horse at each landing, but found it useless, the loads being at once increased. But why not have many more agents for all the places where difficulty is experienced, is often asked? In the first place, a good agent understanding the laws is hard to find. A poorly-equipped agent is worse than none, as he would involve the Society in endless litigation. We have just now selected two new men, but in the second place let it be remembered that a large portion of the Society's funds are by provisions of the wills of the donors to be permanently invested and the interest only used. The interest on a hundred thousand dollars is about \$3500, enough to pay the salary and expenses of two men. Again, our officers are often in court when calls are made. Five of our agents were thus occupied one day this week, and six on another day and, of course, could not be elsewhere at the same time.

Our resources are overestimated by many. Bequests are announced in the daily papers, but they are many times greatly diminished by contests and delays in courts. Take the Arioeh Wentworth will, for instance. It will be impossible to tell when the Society may realize on it, and as for a long time a building has been needed, this bequest, with others, may by vote of the directors be placed thus for investment, provided that the Supreme Court does not so rule that the Wentworth money may never come to us.

Once more it should be remembered that the entire State of Massachusetts is our field. No legitimate complaint coming from any part of the Commonwealth is neglected. Investigation is commenced at the earliest moment possible, and everything done that can lawfully be done to meet the demand. Cases of starvation of cattle from distant points are met and the telegraph is brought into use, agents are hurried off, food is bought and temporary relief afforded over and over again. A call from Nantucket came in at a time when with difficulty the island could be reached. A flock of sheep were in danger of perishing. An agent was instructed to do all in his power to relieve the poor animals. A small steamer was brought into requisition, bales of hay and quantities of grain were transported and relief thus secured.

At the Union Stock Yards at Watertown a great work is constantly going on. Since last August 375 carloads of cattle have been inspected, two men visiting the place at least once a week. Often the inspectors stay there over night, getting up at perhaps three o'clock in the morning and wading about the yards in mud and snow by the aid of lanterns. Horses used in public carriages, especially those located at the theatres or at the railway stations, have been constantly under supervision. Thus far this season animals attached to fish wagons and grease carts to the number of nearly five hundred have had their condition carefully looked into. The horses attached to the wagons that come to the fish wharves from out of town on Thursdays of each week, also are watched carefully. At the horse auctions which are held three days each week, agents of the Society always are on hand, and many poor animals have been steered into the hands of those who will humanely dispose of them. The ambulance of the Society is in constant use and its field of usefulness is not restricted to any locality. This winter it has had more to do than ever before. Also the entire time of one man is occupied in looking after cases of sick, injured and homeless cats and dogs.

During the winter numerous complaints have come to the Society of the condition of Park Street as well as the junction of Boylston Street and Park Square. For the general information of the public it may be stated that a man has been constantly on hand in the vicinity of Park Street Church all winter to look after the numerous cases of falling or slipping horses. Frequently, too, there has been a representative of the Society on Boylston Street, and much has been done at this point toward relieving the animals.

In addition to all the direct work for the relief of animals, the Society has also employed a first-class man in the work of humane education, to visit the schools of the Commonwealth and organize the children into Bands of Mercy, thus starting the young to do and be better than their fathers in the virtues of love, mercy and kindness. Three hundred and forty-four towns and cities of Massachusetts have already been thus visited."

[The above article, with the exception of our Mass. "Bands of Mercy," makes no mention of the Society's great educational work nor of the enormous educational work of our "American Humane Education Society" in forming "Bands of Mercy" all over our country and sending out millions of copies of "Black Beauty" and its various other humane publications].

GEO. T. ANGELL.

FROM REPORT OF CHARLES A. CURRIER,  
CHIEF PROSECUTING AGENT OF MASS.  
SOCIETY P. C. TO ANIMALS,  
MARCH 1ST, 1904.

Number of animals examined in the investigation of complaints from March 1, 1903, to March 1, 1904, 27,004. Horses taken from work, 1,656. Animals mercifully killed, 1,866.

#### A FEW OF OUR SPECIMEN CASES.

1. One who overdrove a horse till it fell and died was sent to jail for three months. For overdriving their horses two others went to the House of Correction; one for two, another for three months, while others were fined from \$25 to \$75.

2. For overloading and overworking their horses various parties were fined from \$10 to \$25.

3. For torturing a horse by dragging him for several yards over frozen ground a teamster was given one year in the House of Correction. For wounding a horse a man was fined \$100. For blinding one eye of a horse with a chemical fluid a man was fined \$50. For throwing a dog from a second story window, breaking his hip, a man was fined \$50. A woman who threw a cat from a window into a street was fined \$10. For prodding a horse with the tines of a fork a coachman was fined \$40. For maliciously shooting a dog a man was fined \$20. For a like offence committed to a cat another was fined \$15. For scalding a dog another was fined \$50. For torturing a live rat another was fined \$10.

4. For cruelly beating horses divers parties were fined from \$10 to \$50. For brutally kicking his horse the driver was sent to the House of Correction for two months. Three others were fined \$20 and two more \$10 each. For striking his horse with a stake a driver was fined \$15; and another for a similar offence was fined \$20. For knocking out the eye of his horse with a brick a driver was fined \$50. Another, who ruined the eye of his horse by striking him with a whip lash, was sent to the House of Correction for two months.

5. For driving lame horses divers parties were fined from \$10 to \$25. For driving horses with sore shoulders, sore backs, and with bad girth galls, four offenders were fined \$50 each; others were fined from \$10 to \$25. For driving debilitated horses divers parties were fined \$15 to \$30.

6. For non-feeding his four horses a teamster was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50. For non-feeding his cattle a farmer was fined \$50; for a like offence two others were fined \$25 each.

7. For non-sheltering their live stock one farmer was fined \$35, another was fined \$20. A third was fined \$15. For non-sheltering their horses divers parties were fined from \$25 to \$50.

8. For abandoning a broken-legged horse, that one of the Society's agents killed, a wealthy contractor was fined \$40. For abandoning a sick horse in a field a horse trader was fined \$25. Another for a similar offence was also fined \$25.

9. For transporting calves in a cruel manner a drover was fined \$20. For cruelly transporting a lot of live fowl a dealer was fined \$15.

10. For exposing poison with the intent that it should be eaten by a dog an offender was fined \$50.

11. For authorizing a horse to be docked a society lady was fined \$100, and for having possession of a second animal with a docked tail was fined \$25. For permitting his horse to be docked a second offender was fined \$100.



## IMPOSSIBLE REQUESTS.

If our kind correspondents will kindly consider the enormous growth of our *Humane Educational Work*, now perhaps larger than the combined educational work of all other societies of our kind—nearly sixty thousand "*Bands of Mercy*"—more than three millions copies of "*Black Beauty*" in our own and European and Asiatic languages—millions of copies of our other humane publications—over a hundred and seventeen millions of pages of humane literature printed in a single year—thousands of dollars offered in prizes to the press, to colleges, to story writers, to essayists—the sending of "*Our Dumb Animals*" regularly not only to nearly all the professional men and thousands of others in our own state, but to writers, speakers, presidents of colleges and universities, congressmen, and others over our entire country and the world—and every month into some twenty thousand editorial offices, including all in North America north of Mexico—if our kind correspondents will kindly consider the enormous labor and responsibilities now resting upon us, we are sure they will not trouble us with so many requests which it is absolutely impossible for us to comply with.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

## GENERAL MILES.

We are most glad to find in the address of General Miles to the Grand Army of the Republic, at Topeka, Kansas, that he stands side by side with Abraham Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and various southern generals in denouncing war.

We take from his address the following :

The contrast between war and peace is illustrated by the fact that what treasure has been expended on the Philippine islands would have put water on every quarter-section of arable land in our country where it is required. It would have built for the farmers of this country a splendid system of good roads, or for commerce two ship canals across the isthmus. And yet, with it all, that is no country for an American man, woman or family. Within the territory of the Philippine islands, an area not as large as your neighboring territory of New Mexico, there are crowded over 8,000,000 Malays, as many people as there are now living in the entire western half of the United States. There is an abundance of room here in this glorious western country.

"Oh, toilers of the world, true glory lies  
Not in great empires built o'er dead men's bones,  
But in those deeds of charity and love  
Which light our earth as heaven is lit by stars."

## PAUL REVERE'S HORSE.

(For Our Dumb Animals.)

So much we have heard of Paul Revere,  
Somewhat of his horse we now would hear,—  
His horse whose part in that midnight ride  
Should not be forgotten but magnified,—  
The noble horse that served him so well ;  
What fate was it this horse befell ?

Why is it not on the lips of Fame ?  
What was its color and what its name ?  
When was it born and when did it die,  
And where, like its master, its ashes lie ?  
How much did it do to spread that alarm  
That woke each Middlesex village and farm ?

Ah ! who can doubt that, waiting to ride,  
Its master patted and stroked its side,  
Thinking how far it must pierce the night  
Through sombre darkness and spectral light,  
How fleet it must be, how fearless too,  
How much it could for a nation do ?

Only a horse ! but whenever we hear  
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,  
Let us imagine its "form speed in the dark,"  
Its speed in the light, and, leaning, hark  
As if to hear the sound of its feet  
As they on those midnight roadways beat !

RALPH H. SHAW.

## ARE WE PAGAN YET, OR CHRISTIAN ?

*Are we pagan yet, or Christian ?* Look conditions in the face :

*Mars, the god whom still we worship ?* Mammon in our Ruler's place ?

*After all our boasted progress, have we reached the nobler race ?*

*Are we pagan yet, or Christian ?* Do we use as shibboleth

The old watchword of the Roman, or of Him of Nazareth ?

*Do we preach love's law of mercy or the leaden law of death ?*

*Are we pagan yet, or Christian ?* Answer by the higher light ;

Let the test be by the standards of unchanging truth and right.

*Do we worship toward the morning, or the past's war-clouded night ?*

*Are we pagan yet, or Christian ?* Do we rob and overreach ?

*Do we wrong and slay our brothers 'neath the mask of godly speech ?*

*Sow we seeds of love or hatred ?* Do we practise what we preach ?

*Are we pagans yet, or Christians ?* Tell the truth whate'er betide.

By our lust, our greed, our conquest, is our Saviour still denied ?

*By the murder of His brethren is our Lord yet crucified ?*

The Denver News.

## COAL DRIVER'S HEART TOUCHED.

DID ERRAND OF MERCY FOR HORSE SUFFERING WITH COLD.

[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

A few days ago, when the temperature was hovering about the zero point a handsome little horse, with the unmistakable marks of the thoroughbred about his sleek body, was standing hitched to a choice turnout before a store on Prospect street.

The employees of the stores in the vicinity had for an hour noticed the animal fretting and shivering with the cold. Not even a blanket had been placed over his lithe body by the thoughtless owner, and if one of the dozen men who looked out upon him from their warm rooms thought once of the inhumanity of the thing, they considered it "is none of my business."

Along came a coal driver, perched high upon his wagon of coal, his teeth chattering in the bitter wind. He saw the thoroughbred hitched near the curb, and he saw the impatience and suffering which the cold was causing the high strung animal. He pulled up his own team and leaped to the ground. Without regard for the glances of the passers by, and making it his business to relieve the suffering of a dumb animal, he hunted through the body of the smart trap to which it was hitched until he found a warm, heavy blanket. When he found the blanket he stretched it carefully over the back of the horse, tucked the edges securely beneath the shafts of the trap, climbed up again to his seat on the heavy coal wagon and drove it away.

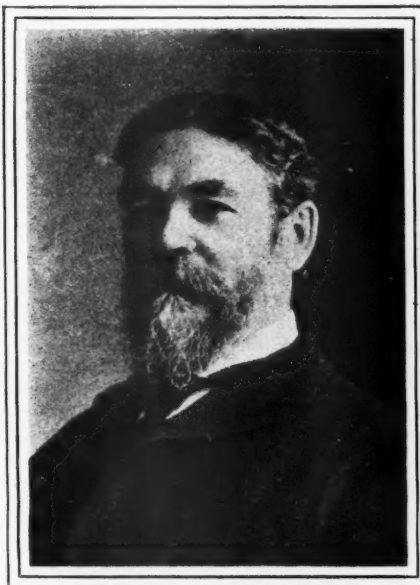
## CAN IT BE POSSIBLE ?

Can it be possible that the spirits of some who have passed out of this life have power to impress the spirits still living ?

We hope so.

Nothing could more reconcile us to physical death than the thought that after death we could still speak and write through the voices and pens of the living.

GEO. T. ANGELL.



AMOS JUDSON BAILEY.

It gives us pleasure to present to our readers the face of Amos Judson Bailey, who received the prize of two hundred dollars offered by our American Humane Education Society for the best plan of preventing strikes.

As our readers will remember, eighty-eight plans from writers in various parts of the United States were received and carefully examined by the committee. Mr. Edward H. Clement (editor of the *Boston Evening Transcript*) appointed by Governor Bates and Mr. James Jeffrey Roche (editor of the *Boston Pilot*) appointed by Mayor Collins. The third member of the committee, Mr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, (Secretary of the American Peace Society) being obliged to attend a peace conference at Rouen, France, was not able to sign the report of the committee when finally decided upon.

Mr. Bailey has placed in our hands various copies of his plan in booklet form to be gratuitously distributed. Mr. Bailey's post office address at present is at Meriden, N. H., at which place we spent two years of our life preparing to enter college—our whole expenses at the excellent institution there not costing us over one hundred and fifty dollars a year, about the same as those of our friend Mr. Lucian Proctor, brother of the present Vermont Senator.

Mr. Bailey's pamphlet will be sent gratuitously to several hundreds of those who first apply for it, and others may be obtained from Mr. Bailey by addressing him at Meriden, N. H.

We understand that Mr. Bailey proposes to give addresses or lectures on the best plan of preventing strikes.

## OUR PRIZE FOR THE BEST PLAN OF PREVENTING STRIKES.

The prize recently paid by our American Humane Education Society for the best plan of preventing strikes was not the first that our American Humane Education Society has offered in connection with this subject.

Some nine years ago it offered a prize of one hundred dollars for the best plan of peacefully settling the difficulties between capital and labor, and another one hundred dollars for the best plan of preventing poverty and relieving the poor. About a hundred plans were sent in and passed upon by the committee.

### "THE DEER AND THE MAN."

(From Life.)

Deer hunting is now on in the Adirondacks and the North Woods.

It is great sport.

The method of procedure is as follows:—The hunter having armed himself with a trusty rifle, takes the midnight train for the hunting grounds. He is met at the way station by a fierce guide, and together they track through the untrodden wilderness, until they come to a convenient watching place.

After some time their patience is rewarded. The pre-occupied deer walks out into the open. The hunter takes careful aim. There is a noiseless puff of smokeless smoke and the deer drops dead, shot through the heart.

Sometimes, however, the deer is not killed at the first shot.

He staggers on through the woods, leaving a trail of blood behind him and often an excellent trail it is. This, of course, adds to the enjoyment of the pursuit.

To the hunter the advantages of this kind of sport are evident.

In the first place he is perfectly safe. Then he is indulging himself "in manly" exercise. He is also developing a reputation as a sport. And lastly, he is killing something.

With science on your side to insure absolute safety, to go out in the early morning and kill something is fine fun.

There are some misguided critics who assert that to make deer hunting a really true and manly sport, the deer ought to have the same chance to kill the man as the man has to kill the deer.

Furthermore, they seem to feel that to lie in wait for a beautiful and innocent animal, and deliberately murder it, is not developing the most humanitarian instincts.

But these critics are old fogies.

To slaughter is always the prerogative of the "dead game sport."

### THEOSOPHISTS PRAY AGAINST VIVISECTION.

We see in the *Boston Transcript* of March 5th that Theosophists throughout the world—in America, Europe and Asia, are to join in prayer against vivisection.

The great English preacher, Newman Hall, once said to a large audience in London that he was informed that there were pick-pockets present—that he wanted to say to them that the eyes of the Lord were upon them—and then added, *that several members of the new police in citizen's clothes were also present.*

If Theosophists by any means, human or divine, can stop the cruelty in vivisections they will do a great deed of mercy not only for God's creatures called dumb, but also for human beings.

### IN "THE NINETEENTH CENTURY."

In *The Nineteenth Century*, March number, is an article written by Dr. Geo. Fleming, C. B., perhaps the most distinguished veterinary surgeon in Great Britain, on "*The Wanton Mutilation of Animals*," in which he denounces in the strongest language the barbarous and cruel life mutilation of polo ponies, riding and carriage horses by docking, and the disgusting habit of some English women of riding mares so mutilated.

We wish that every man and woman in America who owns or rides, or is drawn by one of these unfortunate animals would read that article.

### IN THAT INFLUENTIAL HORSE PAPER.

In that influential horse paper, "*The Livery Stable*," of New York city, we find a strong editorial against the life mutilation of horses by docking. The editor lays great blame upon women. "*Let the ladies say they will not ride behind a bob-tailed horse, and in a short time no such horses will be seen*," and adds, "*that our ladies [we suppose he means New York ladies] now seem to treat their horses somewhat after the fashion of Chinese malefactors, who have their heads shaved, smeared with molasses, and with hands tied are exposed to the sun and flies. The horse is cruelly deprived of his natural fly protector, and then with a refinement of cruelty, all artificial protection by nets is denied him.*"

In another article he charges upon heartless women the high checking so painful to horses.

### ARE THEY CRIMINALS?

Are those who, in violation of the laws of Massachusetts, mutilate horses for life by docking, or cause them to be so mutilated, criminals?

Answer: Just as truly criminals as those who set fire to a dwelling house in the night or commit a murder.

### "THE CALIFORNIA HORSEMAN."

We find an interesting article in the March number of this paper on docking. The editor in closing says: "*If dockers of horses do not get their just deserts in this world or the next it will look as if there is a serious defect in the machinery of God's providence.*"

### A QUESTION.

If you want a Humane Building, is it a good plan to pitch into rich people who choose to have their horses and polo ponies docked?

Answer. Three multi-millionaires, within our knowledge, have recently died leaving not one cent to any charity.

Another rich man, who has often told us how much he approved our work, has recently left each of our two Societies one hundred thousand dollars.

Flossie is six years old. "Mamma," she called one day, "if I get married will I have to have a husband like pa?"

"Yes," replied the mother, with an amused smile.

"And if I don't get married will I have to be an old maid like Aunt Kate?"

"Yes."

"Mamma,"—after a pause—"it's a tough world for us women, ain't it?"

### NO MORE HAZING AT WILLIAMS.

President Henry Hopkins has spoken to the Williams College students and informed them that the college would not tolerate any hazing of any nature in the future. He said that it had been abolished by most of the colleges and that it must be given up at Williams.

He warned the students against any violation of his order, and said that any offender in the future would be severely dealt with. He appealed to the students, and expressed the belief that there would be no further trouble.

*Boston Evening Transcript, March 5th.*

### OUR COLLEGES.

We have before us a paper telling how fifty students of one of our colleges spent a portion of the night blowing horns under the windows of two of their professors.

Pour the millions of dollars into our colleges.

*Stick to athletics and the gambling foot ball fights, and the cultivation of the intellect. Do nothing for the heart, and in due time we shall have lots of educated devils.*

### HE SAVED NINE LIVES.

Rarely have the firemen of Orange, Mass., been called out on a more bitter cold night, or responded more promptly than they did Monday night to a fire in a house on Gibbs court, owned by Charles E. Gibbs, and occupied by George C. Fenton and family and George Handy and family, and it is due to their heroic efforts and good judgment that fire was prevented from spreading to adjacent buildings. Rarely, too, has a fire in Orange been attended with such a risk of lives as was this, and it is a source of gratification that no fatal results followed.

The fire was discovered about midnight by Mr. Fenton's dog, Dewey, who jumped on the bed and scratched Mrs. Fenton in the face, she pushing him off once, but he returned more excited than before and finally aroused them. The bed was discovered to be on fire, and Mr. Fenton, after arousing his own family, which consisted of his wife, sister-in-law, Mrs. Louise Bolleau, and her child, rushed out in his night clothes and bare feet to the door of Mr. Handy, which he broke in and aroused Mr. Handy, wife and three children. The inmates of both tenements escaped in their night clothes and with difficulty, for the whole lower part of the house was burning fiercely at the time.

### THE CHOIR AT DAYBREAK.

I sat by the window at daybreak,  
As the wild birds carolled the hour,  
And watched the shades of the night time  
Droop 'neath the morning's power,  
And as the banners of sunrise  
Flung their colors above the trees,  
The burst of light charmed the bird notes  
Into sweeter melodies.

The wren, the linnet and robin,  
The oriole, cat bird and jay,  
And all the choir of the treetops  
Spiritedly sang, and gay  
And with notes unknown to mortals,  
With harmonies grandly fair  
As the soul's unuttered music,  
They piped on the morning air.

The daybreak's freshness and grandeur,  
And the songs of the happy birds,  
Commingled a tender beauty  
That can not be told in words;  
And a gladness settled o'er me  
That lifted me out of the cares  
That yesterday bore upon me  
In the burden of affairs.

HOMER P. BRANCH.

## OUR DUMB ANIMALS.

Boston, April, 1904.

ARTICLES for this paper may be sent to  
GEO. T. ANGELL, President, 19 Milk St.

### BACK NUMBERS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Persons wishing *Our Dumb Animals* for gratuitous distribution only can send us five cents to pay postage, and receive ten copies, or ten cents and receive twenty copies. We cannot afford larger numbers at this price.

### TEACHERS AND CANVASSERS.

Teachers can have *Our Dumb Animals* one year for twenty-five cents.

Persons wishing to canvass for the paper will please make application to this office.

Our American Humane Education Society sends this paper this month to the editors of over twenty thousand newspapers and magazines.

### OUR AMBULANCE

Can be had at any hour of the day or night by calling Telephone 992 Tremont.

Horse owners are expected to pay reasonable charges for its use, but in emergency cases where they are unable to do so the ambulance will be sent at the expense of the Society, but only upon an owner's order, or upon that of a police officer or Society agent.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REMITTANCES.

We would respectfully ask all persons who send us subscriptions or remittances to examine our report of receipts, which is published in each number of our paper, and if they do not find the sums they have sent properly credited, kindly notify us.

If correspondents fail to get satisfactory answers please write again, and on the envelope put the word "Personal."

My correspondence is now so large that I can read only a small part of the letters received, and seldom long ones.  
GEO. T. ANGELL.

We are glad to report this month two hundred and ninety-two new branches of our Parent Band of Mercy, making a total of fifty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-nine.



### NEW BAND OF MERCY BADGES.

There having been a wide call for cheaper Band of Mercy badges, we have succeeded in adding to the kinds we have been using a new badge in the two sizes above represented. They are very handsome—a white star on a blue ground, with gilt letters, and we sell them at bare cost, five for ten cents, in money or postage stamps, or larger numbers at same price. We cannot attend to smaller orders than five.

### HON. FRANK B. FAY.

Just before going to press we learn of the death of Hon. Frank B. Fay, who was the second secretary of our Massachusetts S. P. C. A., and rendered the Society during his secretaryship valuable service in various ways, particularly in two very successful fairs. Mr. Fay has for many years been connected with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and was in his 84th year.

He was mayor of Chelsea at the time of our civil war, and rendered great service on the Sanitary Commission. He has been a member of both our Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives and held various honorable and important offices.

He will be missed and his death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends.

### CASES OF CRUELTY INVESTIGATED.

Whole number of animals examined in the investigation of cases by our office agents in February, 1788; horses taken from work, 71; horses and other animals killed, 82.

### NEW AGENTS.

We have already increased the number of our prosecuting officers by the appointment of two new ones and shall hope to still further increase the number during the present year.

### OUR AMBULANCE.

Our ambulance has been of great service during the past winter, being provided with every convenience not only for ordinary accidents but also for lifting horses from holes and other dangerous localities.

### WESTERN HUMANE SOCIETIES.

We have been receiving from western Humane Societies large orders for our various humane publications.

### HON. ALBERT E. PILLSBURY.

On March 18th we wrote the Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury, our counsel in the Wentworth will case, asking him how much we were indebted to him for his services in that case, and received this reply:

"Dear Mr. President:—In reply to your inquiry of yesterday, I can only say that my charge in the Wentworth will case is the same as usual; to wit, nothing.

ALBERT E. PILLSBURY."

### OUR PRIZE STORIES.

The prize stories of our American Humane Education Society, which are named on the last page of this paper, have a circulation of many hundreds of thousands.

Mr. Hubbard has formed 228 Bands of Mercy in St. Clair Co., and Terre Haute, Ill., since last report.

Mr. Leach has formed 218 Bands in Rockport, Gloucester and Worcester.

A horse can travel a mile without moving more than four feet. Funny, isn't it?—*Statesman*.

### ARIOCH WENTWORTH.

At a special meeting of the directors of the American Humane Education Society and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held on March 15th, it was voted that the trustees of the permanent funds of the two societies be authorized to receive and receipt for the legacies coming to them from the estate of Arioeh Wentworth, deceased, and hold the same subject to the call of the directors. It was also voted that we procure for our offices a portrait of the late Arioeh Wentworth, to keep in perpetual remembrance the memory of his generous donations to our American Humane Education Society and Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

### BULL-FIGHTS IN MEXICO.

It is good news that we gave in our March paper of the formation of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the city of Mexico, which is likely to put an end to bull-fights in that country.

We hope before long the faculties and students of our American universities and colleges will put an end to other fights occurring in them so constantly, which for their influence on public morals and the promotion of peace on earth are quite as bad as bull-fights.

### MEXICO.

It gives us much pleasure, on this March 16th, to receive from the secretary of the new Mexican Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals a letter assuring us that the Roman Catholic Archbishop has joined the other distinguished men and women who have become actively interested in establishing the Mexican Society.

### THE CHIPMUNK.

We love the clear, blue mountains,  
With the graceful, rounding domes,  
And the lake with its fringed islands  
And its circle of summer homes.  
But the dearest summer pleasure  
Which our happy thoughts recall  
Is our gay little friend the chipmunk,  
Who lived in the old stone wall.

All days were good to the chipmunk,  
He knew neither pain nor care,  
He basked in the summer sunshine  
And frisked in the pleasant air;  
The rain never caused him trouble,  
Nor made his spirits fall,  
He smiled on the heaviest downpour  
From a niche in the safe stone wall.

He worked every hour of the morning  
As if winter were coming soon,  
And he took not a moment's respite  
Through the long, hot afternoon.  
His wishes were never consulted,  
And his rights were counted small;  
He had really but one sure refuge,  
His home in the gray stone wall.

Whatever misfortune befell him  
His shrewd little eyes were bright,  
His stout little heart was merry,  
And his cheerful footsteps light.  
And we laugh with the little chipmunk,  
'Tis a good world after all,  
And we toss a kiss to our neighbor  
Who sits on the old stone wall.

HELEN MARSH FLETCHER,

In Boston Evening Transcript.

"Were you a bull or a bear?" asked an acquaintance of a speculator. "Neither," he replied: "I was an ass."



## OUR MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Our readers have read our appeals for a "Memorial Building" for our two Humane Societies, to be, during all coming time, their permanent home, or homes, and a "Memorial" to perpetuate the names of those who have largely aided our work, and of those who may wish, by generous gifts or otherwise, to express their gratitude to the dumb servants, companions and friends who have added to their comfort and wealth, and made their lives happier.

## A GOLDEN AGE.

Reading in our newspapers of the immense accumulations in the hands of our multi-millionaires it would seem to the unthinking reader that we are entering on an age of gold, but our thoughts go back to a very ancient book, which tells how a certain man named *Nebuchadnezzar* made a great image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits and breadth six cubits, and set it up in a plain near Babylon, and commanded all people and nations and languages to worship that image of gold; and a little further on, how a son of his, named *Belshazzar*, made a great feast, and commanded the golden vessels which his father had gathered to be brought that he and his princes and his wives and his concubines might drink wine therein—and how as they drank they praised the gods of gold and silver—and how "in that same hour" came forth the fingers of a man's hand and wrote on the wall of the banquet hall of the king's palace the words: "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin."

## FOOTBALL FATALITIES.

(From February Good Health).

Seventeen deaths have already been reported as the result of football during the last season. In addition to these fatalities must be considered the far greater number of fractures, dislocations, sprains, bruises, heart strains, and other injuries more or less permanent in character. Professional football players seem to be rather proud of their broken noses, limping legs, and black eyes received in battle, and exhibit them with as much pride as French and German duellists parade their abbreviated ears, plasters, and scars.

Quite a number of college faculties and presidents have pronounced themselves in favor of football, commending it as a means of developing character and encouraging physical development, etc. It has been well suggested by a sagacious editor that college advertising may be one of the special reasons why football is encouraged by certain faculties. If, indeed, it may not be the principal excuse for maintaining this barbarous game. No representative medical authority has ever spoken favorably of football as a means of physical training and development. Men who are elected to football teams are not those who need physical training, but those who are already strong and vigorous; those who especially need muscular development are excluded from the sacred ranks of the elect, and allowed only to sit by and shout at the powers of their robust and bellicose comrades.

The Chicago School Board has recently taken a decided stand against football, and in this regard has set a worthy example for other school and college boards. Football encourages strife, contention, brutality, disregard for life, recklessness in relation to the rights and interests of others, gambling, and other evil propensities and tendencies. It is high time that this brutal game was ruled out of civilized society.

## COLLEGES.

We are pleased to find on our table this morning letters from C. W. Winchester,



DEVIL'S GLEN, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

From "New Century Path," San Diego, Cal.

president of Taylor University, Indiana, and M. H. Chamberlin, president of McKendree College, Illinois, assuring us that none of their students have been guilty of the outrages which are becoming so common in many of our colleges.

## "THE NEW ORLEANS PICAYUNE."

The New Orleans *Picayune* says that the great want of our country to-day is an increase of honest men, which is directly in line with what we have often said in regard to our colleges and universities realizing that their most important duty is to send out good, honest, humane and trustworthy citizens.

## AN INTELLIGENT HORSE.

We have before us an interesting account of an intelligent horse, kind, good-natured and very fond of fun.

One day four boys undertook to ride on his bare back. He walked off, apparently almost asleep, until he reached a stream of water, into which he walked and laid down, emptying all the four boys into the water, and then turning, galloped home.

It reminds us of a little account that Father Haskins, founder of the House of Angel Guardian, Boston, once told us; how, stopping at a little inn near Rome, a woman came by, driving a donkey loaded with panniers of eggs. The woman had been accustomed to allow the donkey to feed there, but, being late this day, attempted to drive him on without stopping. The result being that he laid down, rolled over first on one side, then on the other, and smashed all the eggs in both panniers; which made it unnecessary for the woman to go to Rome.

Gothamite—"I hear you have a Vassar graduate for a cook. Isn't it rather expensive?"

Harlemite—"Not very. She works for her board and clothes."

Gothamite—"Why, how does she come to do that?"

Harlemite—"She's my wife."—*Harlem Life*.

"Be merciful, as your Father is merciful."—*Luke 6: 36*.

## OUR PRIZE OFFER FOR PREVENTION OF STRIKES.

We are glad to receive newspapers from different parts of our country with marked articles very generally approving our prize plan for the prevention of strikes.

## AARON PEPPER'S HORSE.

A friend sends us the following:

On the bank of the Mohawk River, midway between Amsterdam and Tribes Hill, New York, is the farm of Aaron Pepper. The proprietor is the possessor of several horses, and among them one that is totally blind. They frequently resort to the islands in the river for pasturage by fording the stream at a point near the dwelling, the blind mare usually following. During the occurrence of a severe freshet the horses attempted to return, while Mr. Pepper, anxious as to the result, stood watching them from the north shore. Two horses and colts had entered the stream, then their blind companion followed. In a few minutes all were struggling against the rapid current, and failing to make any headway, the leaders sought the large island, while the blind beast became separated from them and drifted a considerable distance below until she gained a foothold. Then, discovering the loss of her mates, and realizing her helpless condition, she gave a plaintive whinny. What was the result? One of the animals re-entered the stream, and swimming to its unfortunate companion, touched it with the nose and directed it to the island retreat, which both reached in safety.

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

Three little rules we all should keep  
To make life happy and bright—  
Smile in the morning; smile at noon;  
And keep on smiling at night!



Founders of American Band of Mercy.  
GEO. T. ANGELL and REV. THOMAS TIMMINS.

Office of Parent American Band of Mercy.  
GEO. T. ANGELL, President; JOSEPH L. STEVENS,  
Secretary.

A. JUDSON LEACH, State Organizer.

Over fifty-seven thousand branches of the Parent American Band of Mercy have been formed, with probably over two million members.

#### PLEDGE.

"I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage."

Any Band of Mercy member who wishes can cross out the word *harmless* from his or her pledge. M. S. P. C. A. on our badges means "Merciful Society Prevention of Cruelty to All."

We send *without cost*, to every person asking, a copy of "Band of Mercy Information" and other publications.

Also *without cost*, to every person who forms a "Band of Mercy," obtaining the signatures of thirty adults or children or both to the pledge, and sends us the name chosen for the "band" and the name and post-office address (town and state) of the president who has been duly elected:

1. Our monthly paper, "OUR DUMB ANIMALS," full of interesting stories and pictures, for one year.
2. Mr. Angell's Address to the High, Latin, Normal and Grammar Schools of Boston.
3. Copy of Band of Mercy Songs.
4. Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals, containing many anecdotes.
5. Eight Humane Leaflets, containing pictures and one hundred selected stories and poems.
6. For the President, an imitation gold badge.

The head officers of Juvenile Temperance Associations and teachers and Sunday-school teachers, should be presidents of Bands of Mercy.

Nothing is required to be a member but to sign the pledge, or authorize it to be signed.

Any intelligent boy or girl fourteen years old can form a Band with no cost, and receive what we offer, as before stated.

The prices for badges, gold or silver imitation, are eight cents large, five cents small; ribbon, gold stamped, eight cents, ink printed, four cents; song and hymn books, with fifty-two songs and hymns, two cents; cards of membership, two cents; and membership book, eight cents. The "Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals" cost only two cents for the whole, bound together in one pamphlet. The Humane Leaflets cost twenty-five cents a hundred, or eight for five cents.

Everybody, old and young, who wants to do a kind act, to make the world happier and better, is invited to address, by letter or postal, GEO. T. ANGELL, Esq., President, 19 Milk Street, Boston, Mass., and receive full information.

Good Order of Exercises for Band of Mercy Meetings.

- 1.—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn, and repeat the Pledge together. [See Melodies.]
- 2.—Remarks by President, and reading of Report of last meeting by Secretary.
- 3.—Readings. "Angell Prize Contest Recitations," "Memory Gems," and anecdotes of good and noble sayings and deeds done to both human and dumb creatures, with vocal and instrumental music.
- 4.—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn.
- 5.—A brief address. Members may then tell what they have done to make human and dumb creatures happier and better.
- 6.—Enrollment of new members.
- 7.—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn.

#### A MUSICAL CRITIC.

Some time ago we witnessed something which brought a smile to the faces of all the by-standers. A street musician, seated on the sidewalk near the State House, was grinding out a most dolorous tune from a very poor hand-organ. A large dog passing by stopped, listened to the music for a minute or two, then sat down on the sidewalk, elevated his nose in the air, in a straight line with his body, and gave a series of the most melancholy howls that we ever listened to.

Don't kill your dog trying to make him run with your bicycle.



#### FRIENDS OF THE DOG.

Four boys, averaging about 10 years of age, trudged into the office of City Treasurer and Tax Collector Taylor, leading with them a timid canine—a black and white water spaniel. One of the boys, who acted as spokesman, raised himself on tip toe, looked over the counter and asked:

"Please, mister, is this where you get dog licenses?"

"Yes, my lad," was the reply.

"Well, you see, it's this way—we want a license tag for this dog. He ain't got no home, and we've adopted him. We've named him Jack."

Upon inquiry, it was learned that the dog had been wandering around in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Center streets for the past two weeks, and that the poundman had made several unsuccessful attempts to catch the nameless canine, but the boys with whom the animal had made friends could handle him at will. Finally they took pity upon Jack because of the scares the poundman gave him, and raised \$1.50 among the boys of the neighborhood with which to buy a license tag for the canine.

Oakland (Cal.) Enquirer.

(From the Boston Globe of Jan. 10th.)

#### THE LIVES OF MR. AND MRS. CYRUS R. PICKERING, OF EAST MANCHESTER, WERE SAVED BY THEIR DOG.

Sunday morning, Jan. 2d, at about 3 o'clock, this dog, by making vigorous use of his nose, forced open the door leading from the kitchen of the Pickering home to the sleeping room of his master and mistress, and springing upon their bed rubbed his nose against their faces, at the same time barking vigorously and pawing down the clothing with his feet.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pickering were sound asleep, but the dog aroused them to a sense of great peril, as the room was brilliantly illuminated by a fire.

Mr. Pickering sprang outside in his night clothing and saw that his skirt factory, which was attached to his residence, was in flames. It took him less than a minute to sound an alarm, and then he hurried back to his wife and found that she had been overcome by the dense smoke which had then filled the entire building, into which the flames were making great headway. He carried his wife, both being in their night clothing and with no covering on their feet, through the snow to the home of a neighbor. For hours her life was thought to be lost, as she vomited blood almost uninterruptedly as the result of the great amount of smoke inhaled. She is now on the way to recovery, however, and both she and her husband attribute their being alive to-day to their dog.

#### OUR HUMANE HORSE BOOK.

We wish to call the attention of all our readers to the fact that a great number of our leading newspapers have spoken in the highest praise of our "Humane Horse Book," wishing that it might be placed in the hands of all persons interested in horses.

Our attention is called to this subject by an order to-day, from Detroit, Michigan, for three hundred copies.

#### A VERY OLD HOUSE.

We saw in the "Boston Globe," of Feb. 28th, the picture of a house in the town of Canton, Mass., which was considered to be of wonderful age because built two hundred years ago.

On our European trip in 1869 and '70, we stopped at a very good hotel in Genoa, which we were told was built before the discovery of America.



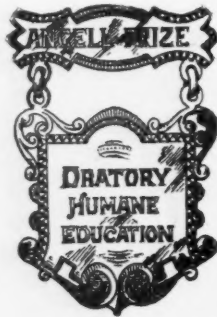
## ANGELL PRIZE CONTESTS.

A splendid way to raise money in schools, churches, Sunday-schools, or elsewhere for any object preferred.

## ANGELL PRIZE CONTESTS IN HUMANE SPEAKING.

We have beautiful sterling silver medals, of which this cut shows the size and face inscriptions.

On the back is inscribed, "The American Humane Education Society."



We sell them at one dollar each, which is just what we pay for them by the hundred.

Each is in a box on red velvet, and we make no charge for postage when sent by mail.

The plan is this: Some large church or public hall is secured, several schools, Sunday-schools, granges or other societies are invited to send their best speaker or reciter to compete for the prize medal; some prominent citizen presides; other prominent citizens act as the committee of award, and a small admission fee, ten or twenty cents, pays all the costs, and leaves a handsome balance for the local humane society or "Band of Mercy," or school or Sunday-school or church or library or any other object preferred.

## "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL."

We have in our principal office [in a large frame and conspicuous position] the names of those who have kindly remembered our two Societies in their wills.

When we get a building we intend to have them so engraved in it as to last through the centuries.

## PRIZES \$650.

In behalf of The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals I do hereby offer (1) \$100 for evidence which shall enable the Society to convict any man in Massachusetts of cruelty in the practice of vivisection.

(2) \$25 for evidence to convict of violating the recently-enacted law of Massachusetts against vivisections and dissections in our public schools.

(3) \$100 for evidence to convict any member of the Myopia, Hingham, Dedham, Harvard or Country Clubs, of a criminal violation of law by causing his horse to be mutilated for life.

(4) \$25 for evidence to convict anyone in Massachusetts of a violation of law by causing any horse to be mutilated for life by docking.

(5) Twenty prizes of \$10 each, and forty prizes of \$5 each, for evidence to convict of violating the laws of Massachusetts by killing any insect-eating bird or taking eggs from its nest.

GEO. T. ANGELL, President.

Our creed and the creed of our "American Humane Education Society," as appears on its battle-flags—its badges—and its official seal, is "Glory to God," "Peace on Earth," "Kindness, Justice and Mercy to every living creature."

If there were no birds man could not live on the earth.

## OUR PRIZE STORY PRICES.

*Black Beauty*, in paper covers, 6 cents at office, or 10 cents mailed; cloth bound, 25 cents each at office, or 30 cents mailed.

*Hollyhurst, Strike at Shane's, Four Months in New Hampshire*, also *Mr. Angell's Autobiography*, in paper covers, 6 cents each at office, or 10 cents mailed; cloth bound, 20 cents each at office, or 25 cents mailed.

*Some of New York's "400,"* in paper covers, 10 cents each; cloth bound, 25 cents, or 30 cents mailed.

*For Pity's Sake*, in paper covers, 10 cents mailed; cloth bound, 60 cents at office, or 70 cents mailed.

*Beautiful Joe* at publishers' price, 50 cents at office, or 62 cents mailed. Cheaper edition, 25 cents; mailed, 30 cents. Both editions cloth bound.

Postage stamps are acceptable for all remittances.

## "NEW YORK'S 400."

"It should receive as wide a circulation as 'Black Beauty.'"—*Boston Courier*.

"Charmingly told story. Its merits are many and its readers cannot be too numerous."—*Boston Ideas*.

"Extremely interesting. Will be laid down only with regret."—*Gloucester Breeze*.

## "FOR PITY'S SAKE" FOR GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTION.

In past numbers of our paper we have said that various friends had given us donations to aid in gratuitous distribution of this most valuable book, which every one reads with pleasure, and having read, wants every one else to read. We are sorry to add that the fund given for its distribution is now exhausted, but to those who wish to buy it the price for our edition [which we sell at bare cost] is ten cents per copy, post-paid, and the cloth-bound edition we are kindly permitted by its author, Mrs. Carter, to sell at sixty cents, or post-paid seventy cents per copy.

"The Humane Horse Book," compiled by George T. Angell, is a work which should be read by every man, woman and child in the country. Price, 5 cents.—*Boston Courier*.

Nations, like individuals, are powerful in the degree that they command the sympathies of their neighbors.

In hiring a herdie, coupe, or other carriage never forget to look at the horses and hire those that look the best and have no docked tails. When we take a herdie we pick out one drawn by a good horse, tell the driver not to hurry, but take it easy, and give him five or ten cents over his fare for being kind to his horse. We never ride behind a dock-tailed horse.

Send for prize essays published by Our American Humane Education Society on the best plan of settling the difficulties between capital and labor, and receive a copy without charge.

Always kill a wounded bird or other animal as soon as you can. All suffering of any creature, just before it dies, poisons the meat.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

Every kind word you say to a dumb animal or bird will make you happier.

## SONGS OF HAPPY LIFE, &amp;c.

For prices of Miss S. J. Eddy's new book, above named, and a variety of humane publications, address, "Humane Education Committee, No. 61 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I."

One thing we must never forget, namely: that the infinitely most important work for us is the humane education of the millions who are soon to come on the stage of action.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

What do you consider, Mr. Angell, the most important work you do?

**Answer.** Talking each month to the editors of every newspaper and magazine in North America north of Mexico, who in their turn talk to probably over sixty millions of readers.

"Just so soon and so far as we pour into all our schools the songs, poems and literature of mercy towards these lower creatures, JUST SO SOON AND SO FAR SHALL WE REACH THE ROOTS NOT ONLY OF CRUELTY BUT OF CRIME."

GEO. T. ANGELL.

Refuse to ride in any cab, herdie or carriage drawn by a docked horse, and tell the driver why.

## FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION.

To those who will have them properly posted we send:

- (1) Placards for the protection of birds under our Massachusetts laws.
- (2) Placards for the protection of horses everywhere from docking and tight check-reins.

## WHAT A DOCKED HORSE TELLS.

- (1) That the owner does not care one straw for the suffering of dumb animals.
- (2) That the owner does not care one straw for the good opinion of nine-tenths of his fellow-citizens who witness the effects of his cruelty.

Every unkind treatment to the cow poisons the milk—even talking unkindly to her.

Is it cruel to keep a horse locked up in a stable without exercise?

**Answer:** Just as cruel as it would be to keep a boy, or girl, or man, or woman in the same condition. If to this is added solitary confinement without the company of other animals, then the cruelty is still greater.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

## WORTH REMEMBERING.

- (1) Avoid as far as possible drinking any water which has been contaminated by lead pipes or lead lined tanks.
- (2) Avoid drinking water which has been run through galvanized iron pipes.
- (3) Avoid using anything acid which has been kept in a tin can.
- (4) When grippe or other epidemics are prevailing wear a little crude sulphur in your boots or shoes.



## GULLS.

A flurry of white gulls upon the bay  
At ebb-tide by the softly sounding shore ;  
A shimmer of white wings like falling spray,  
A sunlit path across the ocean floor ;  
They tumble madly, wheeling in the sky,  
Or smoothly dip and float upon the sea ;  
Or, glad and strong, away toward ocean fly,  
Restless with life, and beautiful, and free.

Harold Johnson's "Roadmakers."

## A FISH DINNER.

(From Portland, Me., Press).

The wild ducks which have, by the hundreds, been hovering in the cove near Martin's point bridge, and along the Falmouth shore, trying to pick up a living, which they were unable to do in the ice-bound harbors and bays, were treated to a surprise party Monday afternoon.

In the police station, Sunday night, some one mentioned the presence of a large flock of wild ducks, near the Martin's point bridge, and spoke of their hungry appearance. R. T. Rooney, a special officer, whose heart is in the right place, said he would be one of a party to go out to the bridge, the next day, and carry out a dinner to the ducks. He could get fish offal enough at the wharves, he said, to feed the whole feathered tribe. Fred Macgowan volunteered to accompany Rooney on such an errand.

Monday morning these two men made the rounds of the fish houses and collected about 500 pounds of fish heads and offal. With hatchet and chisel they worked a couple of hours, cutting the heads into small pieces. Early in the afternoon the relief expedition started [the city messenger's horse and pung being loaned for the purpose]. A dozen or more Portland men took a Yarmouth car, timing their departure so as to reach the Falmouth shore about the time of the arrival of the pung.

The sight was well worth the trip. Black ducks numbering 1000 or 1200 covered the patches of frozen shore and the ice floes. From the bridge the Portland spectators watched. Rooney and Macgowan borrowed a skiff at a house near the bridge, dragged it down to the edge of the ice, and, with their box of offal aboard, rowed all along the shore, throwing off by the shovelful their stores.

The ducks were not slow in grasping the situation. They trailed along behind the skiff and made short work of devouring the food — the first some of them had probably tasted in days.

The rain has started the ice, and the ducks will probably be able from now on to get their food in the way nature provided.

Compare these men with those who go out shooting for the fun of wounding and killing.

## DEAD BIRDS AT EASTER.

It was an Easter Sunday, bright and calm,  
And life, not death, was the glad theme that day ;  
The air was full of Spring's delicious balm,  
The maple buds were dropping on the way,  
And one sweet leaf with flush of crimson on it  
Fell on the dead birds of a woman's bonnet.

What say the bells at these good Easter times ?  
They tell of vanquished death and risen life ;  
Hush, then, O bell ! your inconsistent chimes ;  
You and the dull old world are hard at strife ;  
For surely when the crimson leaf falls on it  
I saw dead birds upon a woman's bonnet !

## FORM OF WILL.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The American Humane Education Society," incorporated by special act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, the sum of ——— [or if other property, describe the property].

To give to "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," use the same words, only substituting its name in place of "The American Humane Education Society."

If there are inheritance or legacy taxes at the time of executing your will, please kindly say [if you so wish] that they are to be paid from the estate.

## "HOW MANY TOES HAS A CAT?"

This was one of the questions asked of a certain class during examination week; and simple as the question appears to be, none could answer it. In the emergency, the principal was applied to for a solution; and he, also, with a good-natured smile, gave it up; when one of the teachers, determined not to be beaten by so simple a question, hit on the idea of sending out a delegation of boys to scour the neighborhood for a cat. When this idea was announced, the whole class wanted to join in the hunt. Several boys went out and soon returned successful. A returning board was at once appointed and the toes counted, when, to the relief of all, it was learned that a cat possesses eighteen toes, ten on the front feet and eight on the hind feet.



MISS K. L. STANLEY

Who sends us this is a good friend though only nine years old.

## A STREET CAR CAT.

THE PET OF THE CONDUCTOR AND THE PASSENGERS.

The street cars in a Western city have small stoves in the centre of each car for the additional comfort of passengers in cold weather. The driver on one of these cars had reached the end of his route one cold day last November, and was changing his horses from one end of the car to the other, when a half grown, half starved and bedraggled looking kitten came meowing across the road and ran into the car. It curled up under the stove in great contentment, and the kind-hearted driver, who was also the conductor, allowed it to lie under the stove during the down-town trip. He begged a saucer of milk for the little waif at the other end of the route, and after lunch, for which she was manifestly grateful, kitty went back to her snug place under the little stove, and during the next day she and the conductor became such good friends that he left her in the car when he went off duty that night.

He did not put her out the next day nor at any other time, but fed her every day, and before a week she became the pet of the public, and quite an attractive card to that branch of the road. She was a pretty, playful little gray and white kitty, and made friends with all the passengers. The children played with her, the ladies petted her, and most of the men paid her some attention. One lady tied a pretty scarlet ribbon around kitty's neck, and the next day another lady fastened a tiny silver bell to the ribbon.

As for things to eat, kitty has them in variety and quantity enough to make a dyspeptic of her. During a single trip she had gifts of a choice bit of raw steak offered her by an old Irishman on the car, a big oatmeal cracker and some gum drops presented by a little girl, a lump of loaf sugar, a lime, a sandwich, some peanuts, and a link of sausage.

Kitty, when I heard from her last, was the most happy, contented and petted little puss imaginable. When the weather is fine she often rides out on the platform with the driver who has been such a true friend to her, and whose conduct is proof of the fact that there is a kindly, generous heart beneath his rough garments.—Harper's Young People.

## THE ENGLISH BISHOPS.

We are glad to learn from a friend that several of the Bishops of the English (Episcopal) Church are taking great interest in promoting increased humanity towards dumb animals.

We have had the pleasure of addressing the Episcopal clergy of Boston and vicinity several times, and of being assured by many of them of their personal interest in the subject.

## WHAT A SOLDIER DID.

A TRUE INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

'Twas at the battle of Resaca,  
In Georgia's fair domain,  
And the grey and the blue were in deadly strife,  
And the bullets were falling like rain.

They were near a deserted southern home,  
Whence the people had fled in fear ;  
Forgetting the dear little tri-colored cat,  
Which still to its home lingered near.

But lonely and hungry and frightened now,  
It uttered a pitiful cry ;  
In a moment of silence it fell on the ear  
Of the boys in blue near by.

And a soldier brave, with pity heard  
That plaintive, beseeching "mew,"  
For a tender as well as a loyal heart  
Beat under that coat of blue.

With no thought of the danger or risk of life,  
Of the terrible rain of shot,  
The roar of the cannon and burst of shell,  
He heard but heeded not.

But springing over the sheltering pile  
Of rails that hid him from view,  
He rescued the poor little trembling thing,  
And back to his post he flew.

And when the noise of the battle ceased,  
The kitten with them away ;  
And many a weary hour she beguiled,  
With her antics and graceful play.

Do you say 'twas an act of little note  
To rescue a worthless cat ?  
Yet the angels, I think, looked down that day  
On no meaner deed than that.

H. M. HAIGHT.

## "BLACK BEAUTY" IN JAPAN.

We are gratified to receive a Japanese paper praising in the highest terms the book "Black Beauty," now translated into the Japanese language, and giving credit to us for aiding in its wide circulation. We find in it this striking sentence: "I with my noble master went through many actions without a wound, though I saw horses shot down with bullets, pierced through with lances, and gashed with terrible sabre cuts, left dead on the field or dying in the agony of wounds."

## "Blessed are the merciful."

Where is your cat?

# WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF THE BANDS OF MERCY?

I answer: To teach and lead every

child and older person to seize every opportunity to say a kind word or do a kind act that will

make some other human being or some dumb creature happier.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

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57087 No. 3 Band. P., Edith Roe.	57133 Middle Farms School. P., Maud Allen.	57179 <i>St. Joseph's School.</i> Div. 1 Band. P., Sister A.	57220 No. 4 Band. P., Miss Heber.	57272 No. 6 Band. P., Emma Vogel.
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57089 No. 5 Band. P., Miss Wells.	57135 Div. 3 Band. P., Sister C.	57181 <i>Bunny Band.</i> P., Miss May Covey.	57222 No. 6 Band. P., Miss Neutzling.	57274 No. 2 Band. P., George Fielder.
57090 No. 6 Band. P., Miss Mathews.	57136 Div. 4 Band. P., Sister D.	57182 <i>Hubbard School.</i> Little Protectors Band. P., Miss Margaret W. Thompson.	57223 No. 7 Band. P., Miss Neutzling.	57275 No. 3 Band. P., Myrtle Archibald.
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## MUSIC HATH CHARMS.

(From Letters on Haydn and Mozart.)

We were surrounded by a large flock of sheep, which were leaving the fold to go to their pastures. One of our party, who was no bad performer on the flute, and who always carried his instrument along with him, took it out of his pocket. "I'm going," said he, "to turn Corydon; let us see whether Virgil's sheep will recognize their pastor." He began to play. The sheep and goats, which were following one another toward the mountain with their heads hanging down, raised them at the first sound of the flute; and all, with a general and hasty movement, turned to the side whence the agreeable noise proceeded. Gradually they flocked around the musician, and listened with motionless attention. He ceased playing, still the sheep did not stir. The shepherd with his staff obliged those nearest to him to move on. They obeyed, but no sooner did the flutist begin again to play than his innocent auditors again returned to him. The shepherd, out of patience, pelted them with clods of earth, but not one would move. The flutist played with additional skill. At last the shepherd was obliged to entreat our Orpheus to stop his magic sounds. The sheep then moved off, but continued to stop at a distance as often as our friend resumed the agreeable instrument.—Tribune.

## GENERAL GRANT.

"General Grant was," says General Horace Porter in McClure's Magazine, "without exception the most absolutely truthful man I ever encountered in public life. He was not only truthful himself but he had a horror of untruth in others." An anecdote illustrates this trait.

One day while sitting in his bedroom in the White House, where he had retired to write a message to Congress, a card was brought in by a servant.

An officer on duty at the time, seeing that the President did not want to be disturbed, remarked to the servant, "Say the President is not in."

General Grant overheard the remark, turned around suddenly in his chair and cried out to the servant:

"Tell him no such thing! I don't lie myself, and don't want anyone to lie for me!"

What a pity that we do not have in public life more men like General Grant in this respect!

## SOCIETIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Those who have read our "Autobiographical Sketches" will not wonder that we often call attention in these columns to the above subject.

We do most earnestly believe that there never was a country or time in the history of the world where and when a universal scramble for money has made it more important to establish powerful societies for the protection of public health than here and now.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

Why is a Count like a watermelon? Because, though *seedy*, he is welcomed in richest families.

## FROM "THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD."

"No rumor of the foe's advance  
Now swells upon the wind;  
No troubled thought at midnight haunts  
Of loved ones left behind;  
No vision of the morrow's strife  
The warrior's dream alarms;  
No braying horn or screaming file  
At dawn shall call to arms."



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